

## CITY OF TORRANCE 2016-2017 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Torrance invites qualifying non-profit arts organizations and individual artists in all media to apply for funding under the Community Arts Grant Program, as authorized by the Torrance City Council and administered through the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission.

A total of \$5,000 has been allocated for the grants. The amounts awarded will range between \$500 and \$2,500 and will require a one to one match. All funds must be expended between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Community Arts Grant Program funds are intended to assist the development and presentation of programs and projects in the visual, performing, media and literary arts. Priority will be given to projects demonstrating the greatest artistic quality, impact to the Torrance community and accessibility to audiences.

### **Qualifications and Criteria:**

- ◆ Organizations and individual artists must be Torrance based or must provide proof of significant service to Torrance residents.
- ◆ All grants must be for one-time projects, programs, exhibits or other qualifying ventures rather than for general operating support.
- ◆ Arts Organizations seeking grant funding must provide proof with the application of non-profit status under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Section 2370 Id of the California Franchise Tax Code. Individual artists must provide a letter from a non-profit organization indicating willingness to act as a fiscal receiver for the grant funds.
- ◆ Successful applicants in this year may reapply for a grant next year by this same process, but may not exceed two consecutive years of funding. Subsequent applications will only be considered if the grantee has submitted their grant report in the specified time period.
- ◆ All programs and projects must be open to the general public.
- ◆ All projects must start no earlier than July 1, 2016 and be completed and funds expended by June 30, 2017.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

- ◆ Artistic quality
- ◆ Ability to demonstrate evidence of need to be met through grant funding.
- ◆ Appropriateness and clarity of scope regarding the project or program to be funded.
- ◆ History of past performance and service by the applicant organization.
- ◆ The availability of the service to Torrance residents.
- ◆ Impact of grant on organization and public.